

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) CASE NO. CR22-209 JCC
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) DETENTION ORDER
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TRENT THOMAS JESMER,)
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Defendant.)

OFFENSES CHARGED

Count 1- Possession of Controlled Substance (fentanyl) with Intent to Distribute

Count 2 – Unlawful Possession of a Firearm

Count 3 - Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime

Date of Detention Hearing: July 10, 2023

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and
based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set

01 forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet
02 will reasonably assure the safety of other persons and the community and defendant's
03 appearances as required in this case.

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05 FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

06 (1) The charges in counts 1 and 2 of the Indictment each give rise to a rebuttable
07 presumption of detention. While defendant has presented evidence to rebut the
08 presumption, the court is nevertheless entitled to consider the presumption in deciding
09 the issue.

10 (2) Defendant has a lengthy record of serious offenses, many of which have involved
11 trafficking in controlled substances. The current charges include his involvement with
12 fentanyl, an extremely dangerous drug.

13 (3) For many years, defendant has been a regular user of a range of controlled substances.
14 He reported he last used methamphetamine and fentanyl the day before his arrest on
15 these charges.

16 (4) On multiple occasions, defendant has violated conditions of pretrial release and
17 conditions of supervised release. His record also includes multiple failures to appear
18 as required.

19 (5) On one occasion, defendant was admitted to this court's DREAM program; but then
20 failed to comply with its conditions and was removed from the program.

21 (6) He has had an unstable residential history. His parents have offered to have him
22 return to reside at their home in Monroe, conditioned upon his following strict

01 conditions. But he has not lived there for 3-4 years, and there is no reason to believe
02 he would comply with those conditions.

03 (7) Defendant, through his counsel, presented evidence that his employer is willing to have
04 him return to employment; and argued that there were significant weaknesses in the
05 strength of the government's evidence tying defendant's fingerprints to the weapons
06 and ammunition involved in the charges. Counsel also emphasized the need for
07 defendant to participate in a drug treatment program, and to receive medications
08 prescribed for him. But given the evidence of defendant's long and consistent
09 conduct, these showings fall far short of demonstrating there were conditions of release
10 which would reasonably assure he would make his appearances as required, and not
11 pose a danger.

12 It is therefore ORDERED:

13 1. Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the
14 Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent practicable,
15 from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;

16 2. Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation
17 with counsel;

18 3. On order of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the
19 person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall deliver the
20 defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a
21 court proceeding;

22 4. The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to

01 counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United States
02 Pretrial Services Officer.

03 DATED this 10th day of July, 2023.

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05 John L. Weinberg
06 United States Magistrate Judge
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